

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, line 21 through page 23, line 10 as follows:

Fig. 13A through 13C show schematic drawings of fuel cell systems 120 according to a second embodiment of the present invention. According to Fig. 13A, the system can be configured so that the protection circuit 12 is connected to only one unit fuel cell C_1 at a negative end of unit fuel cells $C_1, C_2, \dots C_n$ constituting the fuel cell stack. Alternatively, the system can be configured so that the protection circuit 12 is connected to the unit fuel cell C_1 and the protection circuits 11 are respectively connected to second to m-th unit fuel cells $C_2, C_3, \dots C_m$, among the unit fuel cells $C_1, C_2, \dots C_n$ where m can be arbitrarily selected, as shown in Fig. 13B. Further alternatively, the system can be configured so that the protection circuit 12 is connected to the unit fuel cell C_1 and the protection circuits 11 are respectively connected to all the unit fuel cells $C_2, C_3, \dots C_n$ except C_1 disposed at the negative end (GND) as shown in Fig. 13C.

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, line 11-26 as follows:

Fig. 14A through 14C show schematic drawings of fuel cell systems 130 according to a third embodiment of the present invention. According to Fig. 14A, the system can be configured so that the protection circuit 13 is connected to only one unit fuel cell C_1 at a grounded end of unit fuel cells $C_1, C_2, \dots C_n$ constituting the fuel cell stack. Alternatively, the system can be configured so that the protection circuit 13 is connected to the unit fuel cell C_1 and the protection circuits 11 are respectively connected to second to m-th unit fuel cells $C_2, C_3, \dots C_m$, among the unit fuel cells $C_1, C_2, \dots C_n$ where m can be arbitrarily selected, as shown in Fig. 14B. Further alternatively, the system can be configured so that the protection circuit 13 is connected to the unit fuel cell C_1 and the protection circuits 11 are respectively connected to all the unit fuel cells $C_2, C_3, \dots C_n$ except C_1 disposed at the grounded end (—) as shown in Fig. 14C.